

Guest Speaker Songhwan Kang

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Preacher: Songhwan Kang

[0:00] The following message was given at a Sunday celebration at Trinity Grace Church in Athens.! For more information about Trinity Grace, please visit us at trinitygraceathens.com.

This morning we get a real treat of hearing from someone who's become family to me and to us, Sangwon Kang. So Sangwon and his wife Miran have been dear friends of mine and of our church.

A number of you have gone over with me to Korea and we've been able to help minister to them and serve alongside them. So Sangwon, we were in pastor's college together 17 years ago. That's why we got gray hairs now.

And Sangwon, when I moved back to Tennessee, Sangwon moved back to his home country in Seoul, South Korea, and planted a church that he still pastors. And it's just a reflection. Last night I was just hearing about his heart for his home country, his longing to see gospel-centered churches.

I could talk about this all day, but you want to hear from Sangwon, not me. All throughout South Korea. And this morning we're going to hear him preach with a translator. So I'm so excited for you guys to hear.

[1:14] Ms. Cho is going to be his translator this morning. And I want to read the passages. Sangwon asked me to read the passages. And I'm going to invite him up and he will preach to you.

So he's got two passages that we're going to reflect on. John 17, verse 13, if you want to look there. John 17, verse 13.

And I'm going to read a chunk of verses in 1 Peter 1 as well. So John 17, this is our Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples on the night he was betrayed.

He said, So he's saying, And I'm coming to the Father. And these things I speak in the world that they, the disciples, may have my joy fulfilled in them.

And 1 Peter 1 says, Verse 3, Verse 8, it continues.

[3:05] So can we welcome Pastor Sangwon.

And this Cho to teach this morning. Thank you. Thank you.

I'm so thankful to be invited to this beautiful church. ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■
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THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, at Dallas, this 10th day of February, 1910, has heard and considered the appeal from the judgment of the District Court of the County of Tarrant, Texas, in the above captioned cause, and the following opinion of the court is rendered:

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Jesus is saying, Father, if I die on the cross right now, I will go to you.

[13:42] I want the world to know of this and also my disciples.

Do you all know the purpose behind why Jesus died on the cross? 12 joy, joy, joy.

Look at this. The 12 hours before his death, he was continuing to say and speak about joy.

Do you know why Jesus, who never committed any sin, took the curse, the punishment of sin on the cross for us? It was to give us eternal joy, something that no one can take from us.

It does not come from obeying the word.

[15:06] We are able to experience joy because of the cross of Christ. So try asking yourselves this.

Are you a person filled with the joy that the gospel of Christ gives?

Do you have the unstealable joy that came through the death of Jesus Christ? In reality, joy is very difficult to have.

So many obstacles. Living in this world is very troubling.

First, the obstacle to joy is sin. After committing sin, David confessed his sin with Bathsheba and prayed like this.

[16:03] 10 51. In Psalm chapter 51 verses 12, he said, Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with the willing spirit.

David lost his joy with God because of his adultery, his lies and his murder. And we can see in the history of the Bible that he lost his joy for around a year.

Is there anyone here who has lost joy for around a year?

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THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAS REVERSED THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS AND ORDERED THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF NON-CONFORMANCE BE SET ASIDE.

Even on the days when your life is broken and you have lost your joy you can still find that joy again. ■■ ■■■■ ■ ■■■. No one can take that away from you.

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[41:25] As we live as believers, it is dangerous for us to live as people without joy. This is a place where a church exists, it is dangerous for the joy to be lost.

When we live in a church, we have a joy to be lost. Through these trials, if we're able to keep the joy, this shows that us in Athens are overflowing with joy.

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■■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■ ■■■■. I hope that all of you will be able to show the joy even amidst the trials. ■■ ■■■■ ■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■■■.

And I and Korea, even throughout the trials will show my joy. ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■. And that is our privilege of overflowing with joy.

[42:34] ■■■■■■■■■■. Let us pray. ■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■.

God, thank you for planting a glorious joy within our hearts. ■ ■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■
even if there is troubles and trials on this earth.

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families, our homes, and work.

████ █████ ████████████████████. And I hope that this can be joy to you, God. █████ ████████████████████. And in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen. You've been listening to a message at a Sunday celebration at Trinity Grace Church in Athens.

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